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2. Pleven Garrison  
3. Plant 2 ("Zavod 2") in Pleven

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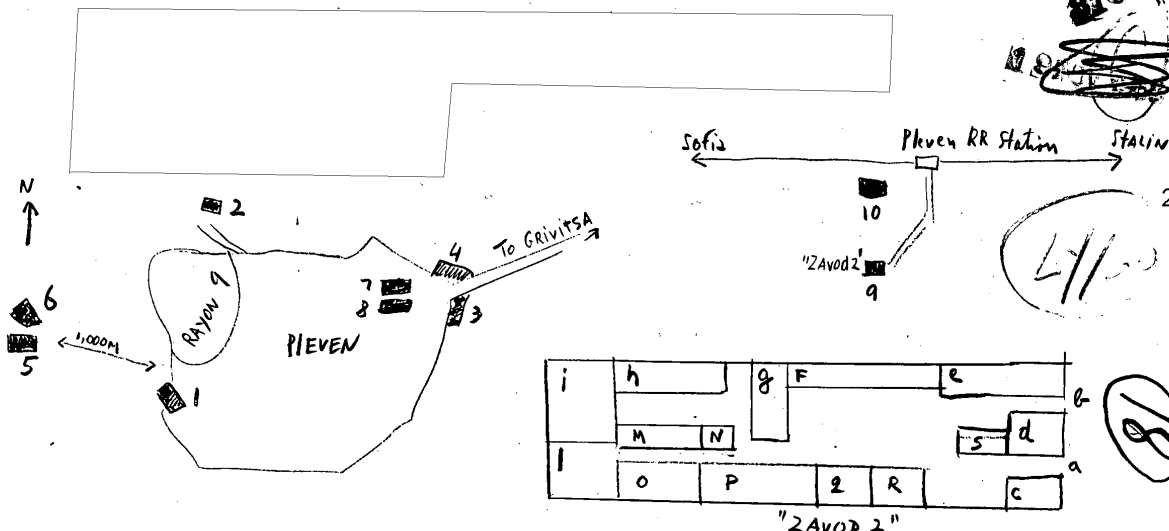
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1. Attached are the following:

- 5 a. A one-page report on mass furloughs for military personnel at the end of 1955;  
b. A three-page report on military, frontier, and Trudovak units in Pleven;  
c. A four-page report on "Zavod 2" Construction Machinery Repair Plant in Pleven.

2. Below are sketches of Pleven and "Zavod 2". The numbers on the sketch of Pleven refer to the various installations described in the attachment, while the letters on the sketch of "Zavod 2" refer to the various departments of "Zavod 2".



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... of the Men under Arms in the Bulgarian Armed Forces

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1. In Nov and Dec 55 a total of approx 18,000 military personnel (officers and men) were sent on furlough. [Redacted]

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2.

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[Redacted] in the city of Pleven approx 200 officers, from the rank of lieutenant to that of lieut col , and who had previously been serving units based in Pleven, were released. [Redacted] the officers, upon leaving the service, received a "~~liquidation~~ <sup>figure</sup>" equal to three months' pay. It is planned to reabsorb these persons in civilian life by giving them state positions. [Redacted]

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Bulgaria

1. Army, Border Guard, and Trudovak units in the Pleven area
2. Factories and other installations in the Pleven area



1. An unidentified ~~unit~~ <sup>command</sup> is located in Pleven in a three-story building situated in the vicinity of Svoboda Square adjacent to a dispensary; a small runs ~~taxi~~ in the vicinity. A sign at the entrance of this building reads

Okruzhno Voenno Upravlenie (Okrug Military <sup>Administration</sup> Directorate). Subordinate to this directorate are all units in the Pleven area. This command is subordinate to a command located in Plovdiv.

2. An unidentified motorized infantry regiment (motorized ~~pekhota~~ <sup>pekhota</sup>) is located in Pleven in the barracks formerly occupied by the 4 Rifle Regiment situated in the 9th Rayon of Pleven in the area south of the city square. (See No. 1, an Sketch). The barracks consists of a single four-story square building with an interior court. It covers an area approx 300 x 300 meters in size and is surrounded by a wall.

The regiment has a strength of 1,000.

the units going to this building for training with light weapons (rifles, carbines), ~~and~~ sub-machine guns carried on trucks believed to be of Soviet production of unknown model,

3. A heavy artillery regiment is located in Pleven in the barracks situated in Rayon no. 9 on the north side of the city park (No. 2, Sketch). The barracks area consists of a number of buildings

The strength of the regiment was estimated at 600 men. The regiment

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following equipment was observed:

- a. Cannons without barrel-mouth brakes approx 4 meters long with a caliber of approx 200 mm; these cannon were drawn by vehicles with treads and which also carried the personnel used to handling guns;
- bx b. Cannons without brake in the mouth of the barrel, with a caliber of approx 100 mm, not more than 4 meters long, drawn in the same manner as the cannons mentioned above.

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1 [ ] He saw two or three of each type coming out of the barracks at various times. d

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4. An unidentified antiaircraft artillery regiment is located in Pleven in a barracks comprising an unidentified number of buildings situated in the eastern limits of the city on the southern side of the road Grivitsa (N. 4325, 2442) (No 3, Sketch).

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- 5 of 45-50 mm caliber with barrels 2-3 meters long. [ ] 6 - 7 of these cannon. Allegedly the regiment has no other types of guns.

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The cannons are drawn by trucks of various models of Soviet production.

✓ A rudovak unit is situated in a barracks on the eastern outskirts of Pleven on the north side of the road to Grivitsa in front of the barracks where the antiaircraft artillery regiment is situated. (See No. 4, Sketch).

The barracks consists of an unidentified number of <sup>stone</sup> masonry buildings and wooden barracks. [ ] the unit was

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of a strength equivalent to that of an average rifle regiment, i.e. of approx 1,000 men. ~~Therewithin~~ This unit is organized like other units in the army (battalions, companies, platoons, etc.) and have similar training instructions; they are, however, unarmed, and the only weapons assigned to these units are a few guns and other light weapons which are used for training and for guard services etc.

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- [redacted] (No 5 am sketch)
6. An unidentified border guard unit is located in a barracks on the western outskirts of Pleven approx 1 km from the city park in the immediate vicinity of the municipal prison (No. 6, Sketch). [redacted]
- [redacted]

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7. The military hospital of Pleven is located in the eastern suburbs of the city of Pleven adjacent to the civilian hospital and a short distance from the barracks where the trudovak unit is located. (The military hospital is shown as No. 7 and the civilian hospital is shown as No. 8 in the Sketch). This is a very large building constructed many years ago and poorly maintained.
- [redacted]

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[redacted] only military personnel of the Pleven command were quartered here.

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8. A refresher and advanced training school for antiaircraft artillery officers was founded about 1954 in Pleven and in December 1955 was moved to Plovdiv. It is located in the barracks formerly occupied by the antiaircraft artillery Refresher and advanced regiment described above. /Courses were given at this school for low-ranking officers of the antiaircraft artillery. The course lasted three months. The director of the school and of the courses was senior ~~antiaircraft artillery~~ lieutenant of antiaircraft artillery Stefan Bankov who was sent on leave at the same time as the school was transferred to Plovdiv. Prior to occupying the position as director this officer had in his time frequented a special course in 1954 at an unidentified place in Plovdiv.

- 9/ A refresher and advanced training school for officers of antiaircraft artillery is located in Stalin. [redacted]

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~~the~~ Workshop for the Alteration and Repair of Motors of Machines for Road Work and Building Construction

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10. The Workshop for revising and repairing the ~~engines~~ motors of road work and building construction machines (known as ~~the~~ Zavod No. 2) is located approx 200 meters southwest of the Pleven railroad station (No. 9 on Sketch).
11. The ~~existing~~ ~~Zavod~~ ~~No. 2~~ complex covers an area approx 60 x 250 meters in size. The following legend refers to a sketch ~~illustrated~~ of Zavod No. 2 ~~complex~~:
- a. Main entrance;
  - b. Entrance for machines to be repaired;
  - c. Doorkeeper;
  - d. Director of administrative offices;
  - e. Unit for disassembling engines to be overhauled;
  - f. Overhaul and engine repair unit; assembly unit for machines, the motors of which have been overhauled;
  - h. Fuel and lubricants depot which are <sup>stored</sup> ~~contained~~ in barrels;
  - i. and 1. - Machine shops; in the two workshops there are installed altogether the following machinery:
    - 1) Approx 1 ~~dozen~~ <sup>dozen</sup> of various types and sizes of German make-on and Czech manufacture approx 1/3 of which are new and have been received within the year 1955;
    - 2) Five - six ~~unit~~ milling machines of which 2 or 3 are new and were received in Jan 56 from Czech;
    - 3) Three drilling machines of various sizes one of which, the smallest of the three, was received in 1955 from Czech;

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13. Zavod No 2 handles the overhaul and repair of motors of machines used on road work and building construction, such as:

- a. Steam rollers;
- b. Excavators;
- c. Bulldozers;
- d. Grab buckets;
- e. Tractors.

All the machines which are sent to the workshop for overhauling are of Soviet production and come from various places practically from all over Bulgaria.

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14.

Parts and spare parts for engines for the machines to be repaired were supplied by the USSR. The plant is equipped with 5 - 6 trucks of various types for transporting raw materials. The machines, after having been repaired, leave the plant under their own power.

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15. A metallurgical establishment is located in Plovdiv approx 100 meters south of the railway station of Plovdiv (NO. 10, Sketch). This plant, <sup>now</sup> known as Zavod "Vaptsarov", is an old plant formerly known as "Kamenov Simenov", named after ~~him~~ its former owners. Upon the advent of communism in the nationalization of industries it took its present name. The plant is located in an area approx 700 x 200 meters in size and is surrounded by a wall.

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10. The chief ~~establishment~~ activity of the establishment is the production and

repair of steam boilers. It also produces other items

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